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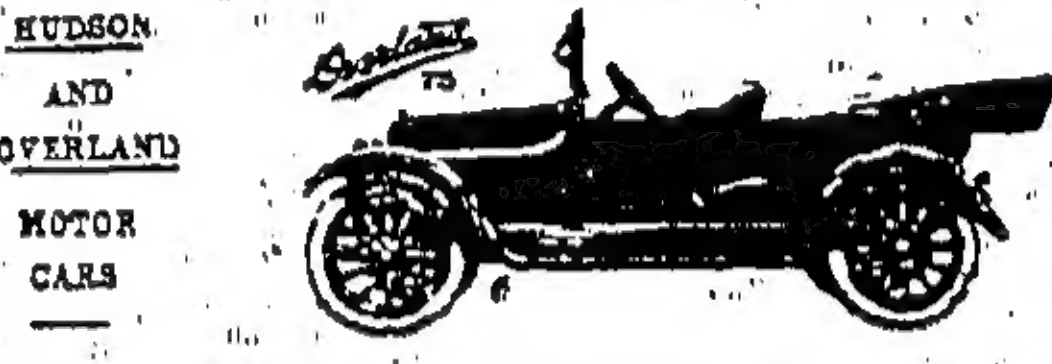
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TEN ENEMY ATTACKS.

COMPLETELY REPULSED BY THE
FRENCH.

PARIS, May 29.

On the French front, the enemy
seems anxious to concentrate his
attacks in Champagne where the
artillery battle also maintains a
significant intensity.

The French are prepared for any
eventuality there.

London, May 29.

A French communiqué reports—
Following a violent bombardment,
in the region of Hurbise, ten enemy
attacks were completely repulsed.

We carried a small enemy post to
the north of Vacher-aux-Villes, taking
some prisoners.

We also effectively bombarded the
enemy's communications to the south
of Nauroy and Moronvilliers.

Eleven German aeroplanes were
brought down and twelve were forced
to land, seriously damaged.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

London, May 29.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—

We drove off raiders to the south-
west of Lens and to the west of
Messines.

We successfully carried out a
raid to the north of Ploegsteert
wood. The enemy's artillery was
active at Bullecourt and on the
Scourie.

RUSSIA'S TREATIES.

THEIR PUBLICATION
DISAPPROVED.

PETERSBURG, May 29.

The Congress of the Peasants'
Delegates has rejected almost un-
animously a resolution demanding
the immediate publication of the
international treaties entered into by
Russia.

The Congress also disapproved of
the fraternisation of the Russian and
enemy soldiers at the front.

DEATH OF MR. DE ROTHSCHILD.

London, May 29.

The death is announced of Mr.
Leopold de Rothschild.

REVOKING BRAZIL'S NEUTRALITY.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 29.

The Chamber has passed the first
reading of the Bill revoking Brazil's
neutrality, by 136 votes to 3.

WORLD'S LIGHT-WEIGHT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, May 29.

Benny Leonard knocked out Fred-
die Welsh in nine rounds, thus
securing the World's Light-weight
Championship.

THE GOVERNMENT OF SARAWAK.

THE NEW RAJA'S POLICY.

London, May 29.

A Times Correspondent states that
the new Raja of Sarawak perceives
the folly of forcing western ideas
and institutions on a people whose
traditions are wholly alien. His
people will be prepared, step by step,
to take an increasing share in the
Government, but in their own way
and on their own lines. The Raja
is determined never to grant com-
mercial concessions which do not
simultaneously benefit the people.

Tuan Ma, with the King's per-
mission, is relinquishing his com-
mission and is going to Sarawak to help
his brother in the Government.

THE SITUATION IN GREECE.

REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT
SPREADING.

London, May 29.

The situation in Greece is still
complicated, but it seems that the
republican movement is spreading.

It is significant that M. Venzelas,
who has hitherto emphasised his
movement as not being anti-dynastic,
now openly asserts that King Con-
stantine must go if Greek political
liberties are to be maintained.

M. Triantaphyllides, the President
of the Congress of the Hellenic
Colonies, also declares that the
Dynasty has become impossible, and
the establishment of a Republic is
inevitable.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION AT
PEKING.

(Wah Tsz Yut Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 29.

Replying to the President's tele-
gram, Chiang Kai-shek, of Anhui,
states that he has wired to all other
Tukwans about the difficulties en-
countered by the Central Govern-
ment and advised them to put the
country before everything else; there-
fore there was no need to worry.

Li King Hi, whose nomination as
Premier has been approved by the
Parliament, in replying to questions
as to his foreign policy, stated that
he is unable to make a statement
until the Cabinet is formed.

It is reported that Li King Hi,
despite the Parliament's approval
and the President's mandate, still
declines the appointment.

Nai Sze Chung, Civil Governor of
Anhui, has wired to Peking still
advocating the dissolution of Parlia-
ment and reinstatement of Tuan Ki
Sui.

[Li King Hi is a nephew of the
famous Li Kung Chang.]

SUBMARINES CAUGHT IN ICE.

The Copenhagen correspondent of the
Bystander quotes Knud Rasmussen, the
Danish explorer, as saying: Rasmussen
is the man who first saw the thirty
German submarines imprisoned in ice.
Copenhagen has had a polar winter. A
fortnight ago the Sound was frozen over.
Even now thick ice stretches far out
into the Kattegat and a Swedish war-
ship from the mainland to the island of Mar-
strand. Different untruths have been
told about the ice-trapped submarines
but Rasmussen knows the real truth.
They were trapped at the narrow part of
the Sound just above Helsingborg.
He says: "That happened two days
after the submarine campaign began.
The thirty were all making north of
course from the same Baltic base when
east wind blew the loose ice together
and as it was freezing hard, 18 deg.
Celsius at least, soon all the submarines
were in a solid pack. The submarines
were moving with only their periscopes
up. Some of them smelt danger in time
and managed to rise. They got wedged
in with their decks showing. Others
were caught under the ice and only their
periscopes showed. I walked across the
ice to them and my mate even tried to
look down a periscope. Then the slip
ice, that is the loose ice, which always
drifts under the pack, snatched the
periscopes, tubes, and the submarines
perished miserably. Some after three
days imprisonment tried to get away
under the ice. I know that seven sub-
marines smashed in and all on board
drowned. How do you know that?"
"I know," he told Prince Harald. "Prince
Harald is brother of the King of Den-
mark."

There is a pleasant story in the
Bystander of a little boy who was
warned not to render aid to a sinking
amputated foot. "No," he said, "and
when I get to heaven I will say ar-
ranging to John (the Baptist) about his
head."

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MR. WILLIAM MALCOLM WATSON, having retired from our business, his interest and responsibility ceased as from 31st December 1916.
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It is by following this practice that Germany has obtained enough U-boats to make her latest piratical outbreak a thing of serious portents.
 This is how her system of building them is organised. "A standard pattern of U-boat has been designed. Each separate part of it is made in quantities by firms who devote themselves to this task only. Some construct a given section of the hull or a portion of the fittings or the machinery. Whatever may be the task allotted to a factory, it concentrates all its attention on that fraction of the vessel and undertakes no other part of it, with the result that the workmen, being always employed in making one thing have become expert at their task and able to do it expeditiously.

The various parts thus produced are sent to one of the shipyards and there bolted together by staffs of men whose whole time is given to "assembling" the portions of hull and machinery which other men have made. The building yard employs merely "new together" a garment that has been cut out elsewhere. "A submarine built at Kiel," really means a submarine put together. Possibly 80 different establishments in as many different parts of the country were each responsible for their little piece of her, in the manufacture of which they had specialised.

The advantage of such a system as this in speeding upon construction will be obvious to anyone acquainted with ship-building. By it a dozen boats can be turned out for every one that could be constructed by the usual methods which entrust a yard with the building of a complete boat and make no provision for the standardising of parts so that they can easily be duplicated.

A STANDARD TRAINING.

This practice of standardising her submarines helps Germany immensely in another way that is quite as important to her as rapid construction. All her new U-boats being of the one type, crews can be changed from one vessel to another without any loss of efficiency. The new submarine to which they go is so exactly like the old one that they have left that no "shaking down" period is necessary to enable the officers and men to get used to their craft.

Nor do the advantages end here. In the Baltic, Germany has established a school for training submarine crews. If she had varying types of U-boats, one at least of each kind would have to be "tied up" for instructional duties, and the officers and men taught to handle one class could not be transferred directly to another and sent right off to sea. But as a result of having standardised her boats she need use only one or two for instructional purposes. They are sufficient to train crews for a whole flotilla, as the complex parts passed through them can be passed directly to the craft commissioned for active service as these are completed. Standardised training thus follows upon standardised construction, and enables Germany to get the maximum of work out of her submarines.

It is this methodical way of going about the business which has enabled her to make her submarine menace at last a very real one. Germany has not always had her pirate fleet organised on this well thought-out plan. Its adoption coincided with her decision to devote her naval energies mainly to submarine warfare, having made up her mind, for the action, she began methodically preparing to make it as effective as possible when the time came to start—when she was quite ready. Germany's requirements differ so much from those of other Powers that what meets her case would be of no use to them. This building of submarines on the standardised principle has drawbacks as well as advantages. The latter are only for a country that has to meet an emergency which calls for numbers above any other consideration, and wants them quickly at hand. It does not produce the best type of submarine, as design must be ruled rather by what can be done than by what is best to do, and that means limitations which may prove handicaps. But, this drawback notwithstanding, Germany has greatly improved the constructional details of her U-boats.

HIGH SPEED AND POWERFUL GUNS.

The latest U-boats, as is well-known, are much larger than their predecessors. One sometimes sees them described as submersible cruisers. Whether that description may be regarded as accurate or not depends upon what one understands by "submersible cruiser." There is no evidence that Germany has yet sent out U-boats to which a "naval" name would apply this name. But this must not be taken as implying that her under-water craft are to be lightly regarded. Quite the other way about. So much has their displacement been increased that they are capable of a wide radius of action and by husbanding their fuel supplies can keep the sea for a long time.

Moreover, they possess high speed (high for a submarine, which, of course, must be judged by standards different from those applied to surface ships), and they can dive very quickly. Guns equal in power to those carried by some destroyers are now being mounted in them. These weapons are placed on a disappearing mounting; that is, are raised from the interior of the boat when required and lowered again when she dives. Over the gun emplacement is an armoured hatch which lifts with the gun and forms a strong protective hood above the gun and its crew while the weapon is in action. As the gun lowers, so this hatch automatically sinks back until it falls into place again as a part of the hull.

Their torpedoes are mostly short range weapons loaded with a very explosive charge. Shortness of range enables them to carry a much more powerful war head than they would be able to do if they were engaged to travel a longer distance. On their boat shaped bows is fitted a cutter designed to enable the boat to sheer its way through any obstacle it may encounter. They are equipped also for mine laying and, in fact include this among their regular activities.
 With a view to enable them better to resist attack, they are built with two hulls, one outside the other, somewhat like a steel cylinder enclosed in the hull of a boat. And living conditions for their crews are far better than they were in the earlier type of U-boat. (Ex.)

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The Annual Crown Rent is \$85.00. For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, Solicitors for the Liquidators, or to the undersigned.

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Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 30, 1917. 1748

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Liquidator of Messrs. WITZKE & CO. in pursuance of an Order

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MONDAY,

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

April 4.

GLASGOW IN VICTORY.

Glasgow has not filled any large place in fiction. There are epochs in Glasgow history which would supply a good theme for the novelist, apart from the social and industrial topics which abound in any great city, but they have not attracted imaginative writers. Three great novelists, however, have paid Glasgow the tribute of taking their characters to the city, says a writer in the *Glasgow Herald*. Smollett, in "Humphrey Clinker," was the first of them. The episode is not connected with any development of the plot, and was introduced merely to immortalise "Mr. Smollett's country house on the banks of Loch Lomond," to which Matthew Bramble and his friends were invited. "Glasgow," the elegant Melford of the story told Sir Watkin Phillips, "is the pride of Scotland," and he found in it not only trade and opulence, but also gaiety and diversions, and a number of University professors "liberally endowed and judiciously chosen." Bramble himself was not less enthusiastic. "I am so far happy as to have seen Glasgow, which, to the best of my recollection and judgment, is one of the prettiest towns of Europe."

Frank Osbaldistone, according to Sir Walter Scott in "Bob Roy," makes a short stay in Glasgow. And it is amusing to find the writer in the *Herald* once more giving voice to the old jealousy of the neighbouring city of Edinburgh. Every one knows that there is a strong rivalry between Liverpool and Manchester; but it is a milk-and-water feeling compared with that entertained by the citizens of the commercial capital of the West towards the aristocratic national Capital of Scotland and the East. The *Herald* now points out that Smollett insisted upon the natural beauties of Glasgow, then unspoiled by the hands of man; but that Scott's hero forgets to praise the beauty of Glasgow in a prophecy of its future prosperity. Frank Osbaldistone's description of Glasgow Cathedral as "gloomy and massive rather than elegant, is of course in keeping with the taste of the age in which he is supposed to write. But, suggests our Glasgow friend in a fine example of local patriotism, it is possible that Scott was too loyal a son of Edinburgh to admit that, in point of architecture, his own romantic town had nothing to compare with the great church of Glasgow, or that the metropolis of the West once rivalled in beauty its Eastern neighbour.

The third novelist to write about Glasgow is John Galt. A large part of the scene of "The Entail" is laid in it, and it is the background of some of his other pictures of Scottish life. In the "Annals of the Parish," the Rev. Miench Balwhidder studied at the "orthodox University of Glasgow," and it was as Provost of Glasgow that Mr. Maitland befriended Mrs. Maclellan, before his own ruin in the commercial disasters of the French War. It was from Glasgow that the "turtlefish" came for Mr. Cayenne's feast at which "we drank lime-punch as we ate the turtle, which, as I understand, is the fashion among the Glasgow West India merchants"; and it was to Glasgow that Father O'Grady retired discomfited from Dublin to meet with "all the encouragement that might be expected from the ignorant and idolatrous inhabitants of that great city." Glasgow does not play so prominent a part in the background of "The

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Ayrshire Legation," but one of Dr. Pringle's very best letters begins by recalling "the great sound throughout all the West that a playhouse in Glasgow had been converted into a tabernacle of religion," an event which led to a proposal that the Parish of Garnock should hold a Thanksgiving Day for this "signal manifestation of a new birth in the old-godly town of Glasgow, which had become slack in the way of well-doing."

Other novelists of less fame have, of course, written about Glasgow. Captain Thomas Hamilton, brother of Sir William Hamilton, the philosopher, made quite a study of the city as it appeared 60 years ago in "Cyril Thornton." Professor Veitch says that the portraiture of former Glasgow masters in his book, "whether overdrawn or not, is one of the raciest bits of writing in the language." And that remarkable present day writer, Patrick McGill, in "The Bat Pit," deals with the seamy side of Glasgow life in a style which one may hope is overdrawn, but which is undoubtedly remarkably realistic and convincing without in any way offending against taste.

PRESENTATION OF SOUTH ABERDEEN.

There was never any doubt as to the result of the election in South Aberdeen, though during the last week the issue was complicated by the appearance of Professor Robertson Watson, of Glasgow, who came forward as an Independent. Sir J. Fleming, adopted as Coalition candidate, was looked upon in some quarters as too much associated with the Asquith wing, and Professor Robertson Watson appeared as a National candidate, and as the more particular champion of Lloyd George. The contest was of a quite good humoured character. Sir John received 3,283 votes against the Professor's 1,507; and the only importance of the "incident" was the evidence given of a deep rift between the two halves of the old Liberal party. Mr. Pethick Lawrence, who stood for Peace-by-Negotiation, was a bad third, polling only 333 votes, or 6 per cent. of a small poll.

Sir John Fleming is a Dundonian, went to Aberdeen when comparatively young man, founded a wood merchant's business which has ramifications all over the country, and has served as Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

THE CHIEF WHIP.

Colonel Sir George McCrae has been invited by the Prime Minister to become joint Patronage Secretary to the Treasury in succession to Mr. Neill Primrose, who demits office at Easter. Sir George has not yet given his decision, but it will cause little surprise if he accepts the post. It would involve his resignation of the office of Vice-President of the Scottish Local Government Board, which he has held for nine years. It would also involve his finding a seat in the House of Commons; but on that point no difficulty is apprehended. His recent absence from the Parliamentary sphere relieves him from any suspicion of complicity in episodes from which a certain amount of bitterness still survives. A Radical of Imperialistic views, he has a good deal of tact and experience. Sir George has filled the offices of Treasurer and Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh; and shortly after the outbreak of the war raised a battalion of the Royal Scots in which the footballers took a prominent interest; he won the D.S.O. last year for a gallant piece of work in taking and holding an enemy position.

A GREAT HIGHLAND FEILL.

The Highland Societies of Edinburgh did some good work at the outbreak of the war by raising recruits for the Highland regiments, and now they are devoting themselves to providing comforts for their men serving in the ranks. Their latest effort to raise funds took the shape of a Highland Feill, feil is the Highland name for a fair. The result was most gratifying. Over £10,000 was raised, including 19,000 dollars from America. Mrs. Lloyd George formally opened the Feill on the first day, and had a great reception. Of course everything had a Highland flavour: a band of pipers, summoned the clansmen (and others) to the ceremony; the chairman wore the tartan; a choir sang in the language of the Gael; an Edinburgh Lord Provost spoke with more than a smack of the Ayrshire accent; a minister offered a prayer in English

and Gaelic, and a vote of thanks to Mrs. Lloyd George was presented in a bouquet by a handsome kilted laddie. On the second day the Feill was opened by Mrs. Stewart of Senforth, and on the third day by the Hon. Mrs. Mackinnon of Mackinnon.

SINO-SCOTTISH SOCIETY.

The following letter appears in the Scottish newspapers from the address "The Union, Glasgow University," that is, from the student's club:—
"It is pretty generally acknowledged that the main lesson which the war is teaching us is that the future peace of the world is pre-eminently a question of international relationships. Even though in the future policy of Europe the 'balance of power' theory is displaced by some means of concerted action, the hope of effecting a permanent peace will depend entirely on the creation of a fuller understanding and better feeling between the people of the various nations involved. While the area of the present conflict has been confined to the Western hemisphere, the most far-reaching of our statesmen must recognise that if the repetition of this tragedy is to be prevented in the future, the great civilisations of the East must ultimately be brought into the world's concert. This fact calls for the creation of some means whereby the East and West can be brought into closer relationships, so that a basis of peace may be laid before war has embittered the races concerned. It may interest your readers to know that there has now been in existence for four years a Society known as the 'Sino-Scottish Society,' which in a quiet but effective way is doing much to realise this object. It was instituted in the Glasgow University, and but for the outbreak of war, branches would have been established through all the Scottish Universities. The membership is composed of British and Chinese students who, by means of discussions, social functions, and occasional holiday retreats, are gradually cementing the relationships of the two nationalities into one of close personal friendship. The majority of the Chinese members, when they have completed their academic course, return to the East to take up posts of influence in different departments of the Chinese Government. In this way it is impossible to overestimate the ultimate influence of such a society in moulding the future of that great republic. The letter is signed by Mr. W. H. Whyte, President, and G. L. Hsin, and A. Smith Gaudie, Joint Secretaries."

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

April 4.

The Championship of the Scottish Football League is more than ever a certainty for Celtic, the present holders; St. Mirren disappointed those who looked for a repetition of last season's victory at Parkhead, but the Paisley team could reasonably plead that a crippled player and a penalty goal were insurmountable handicaps. At Dundee Queen's Park were represented by a rather mixed eleven, and gave a display in keeping with their reputation when engaged upon a forlorn hope; though Dundee were at full strength, they could only claim a goal's advantage at the finish. Aberdeen brought the usual weak team south, and suffered accordingly. Ayr United were slightly the better at Cathkin. Hamilton Academicals and Clyde put in some clever forward play, the home team gaining a slight lead deserved on play. It did not seem possible for the Morton defenders to yield three goals in five minutes, yet that is what happened at Tynecastle, at a stage of the game, too, when the spectators were resigned to seeing Greenock add one more defeat to the score already inflicted on the Heart of Mid-Lothian.

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Hongkong, May 30, 1917. 1855

THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

5.15 p.m.—St. George's Society's Meeting.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, June 1:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.

WEDNESDAY, June 3:—

H. M. the King's birthday (1865).

MONDAY, June 4:—

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TUESDAY, June 5:—

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, May 30, 1917.

RUSSIA AND THE WAR.

When the Provisional Government of Russia issued its Proclamation nearly two months ago declaring that "Free Russia does not aim at the domination of other nations, at depriving them of their national patrimony, or at occupying by force foreign territories; but that its object is to establish a durable peace on the basis of the rights of nations to decide their own destiny," it indicated a change of policy which has manifestly been very disturbing. It appears that this question came to the forefront as the result of Mr. MILLUKOFF, the late Foreign Minister, expressing his personal view that Austria should be disintegrated and that Russia should annex Constantinople. The Socialists were thrown into such a ferment and the position became so serious that the Government was compelled to disclaim the idea of annexation. Since then there has been much concern, and not only in Russia, to know what precisely is meant by "no annexation." It led to important statements in the British House of Commons by Lord ROBERT CRICHTON and Mr. ASQUITH and in the French Chamber of Deputies by M. RIBOT. Mr. ASQUITH expressed the opinion that the Russian declaration, perhaps through the imperfection of international vocabulary, had been imperfectly apprehended. That would seem to be but a euphemism for saying that the terms of the Russian proclamation had not been adequately considered; for Mr. ASQUITH pointed out that there must be annexations if this war is to result in a durable and honorable peace—"annexations which consist in the emancipation of enthralled and oppressed populations from the despotism under which they have hitherto laboured." Indeed, the Russian Prime Minister has since declared that his Government in speaking of peace without annexations, did not mean that. Free Russia will consent to leave under the yoke of German militarism the territories which had been abandoned, he said, owing to the old regime's criminal negligence of the interests of the country and the Army. It is not indeed annexations that the Allies are seeking so much as dis-annexations, or restitution; and in this Russia is as deeply concerned as France. But on the questions which led to the Russian Government's proclamation there has been a singular silence in the discussion. Is Russia to abandon her old aspiration for the annexation of Constantinople? In this respect the veteran Russian leader M. ROMANOV

has emphasised Russia's obligation to the Allies. He said:—"Those sneering at the annexation of Constantinople should remember the tremendous sacrifice made by the Allies on behalf of our interests in Constantinople. Thousands of British and French soldiers have been buried for Russia's sake in Gallipoli. We do not want the Allies to say that they gave their sons and brothers in Gallipoli merely to satisfy a Russian whim." As M. MILLUKOFF has still more recently pointed out, the essential point is not whether the Dardanelles should be Russian or neutral, but whether they should be Russian or German. The Allies, he said, recognised Russia's right to the Dardanelles, not merely to favour Russia, but to ensure that the Straits should not fall into the hands of Germany. It is inconceivable that the Russian nation should suddenly renounce such an aspiration as this which she has so long cherished as being of vital importance to her commercial and political interests, for the question at issue is clearly whether the Dardanelles shall pass to the control of Russia or Germany.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Harmston's Circus is now at Kowloon.

Englishmen are reminded of the meeting to-morrow to form a St. George's Society in Hongkong.

A fire which occurred as the result of the upsetting of a lamp yesterday, gutted No. 103 Hollywood Road.

Two Chinese coolies suffering from knife wounds as the result of a street fight have been removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Six cases of plague (five fatal) were reported in the Colony last week; also four fatal cases of diphtheria and one fatal case of small-pox.

The "Journal de Peking" expresses great surprise to find that the Peking Club is on the British Black List, and hopes that steps will be taken to have the Club removed from the list.

In our "To-day's Advertisements" column will be found an advertisement headed "Hongkong-Kobe Ticket for sale." The ticket was the first prize in a war-charities raffle drawn in Kobe, and as the winner could make no use of the ticket he is now offering it for sale.

A Japanese telegram states that the Director of the Hanyang Arsenal, Liu Ching-chen, signed a contract on the 22nd May to purchase war material stored at German firms at Hankow: Arnold, Kurlberg and Co., Carlowitz and Co., Siemens and Co., and Melchers and Co., valued at \$270,000.

The Warden of Mines in the Federated Malay States says:—"The Batu Caves Portland Cement Works (Selangor) during 1916 quarried 8,484 tons of limestone and manufactured 4,022 tons of cement, of which one ton was exported and 4,021 tons were used locally. It is to be regretted that more cement is not manufactured locally, as excellent materials are available."

We have received from the Kwangtung Postal Commissioner a copy of the sixth issue of the Chinese Postal Guide. This issue of a highly useful publication has been corrected to April 1, 1917.

In the first part of the Guide information in regard to regulations covering the entire activities of the postal department, are given, also tables showing postage tariffs, domestic and foreign, and the domestic and international parcel tariff. In the second part is found an alphabetical list of post offices, with the names in Chinese as well as in Roman characters. The Guide will be found indispensable by business houses, schools, and in fact by everyone who has occasion to use China's postal facilities.

General Joffe, had he not chosen the army as a profession, might have been a professor of mathematics, and the new French War Minister, M. Bailev, is one of the most brilliant of contemporary mathematicians. As a boy, indeed, he was a mathematical prodigy, and before he entered politics he had written several books on advanced mathematical problems. Mathematical calculation and applied science will probably prove the most important factors in ending the world war, and the Allies have now a gallery of scientific brains in their service.

THE MAGISTRACY.

A BIG TRANSACTION IN OPIUM.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD.

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning, two Chinese merchants, Lee Hysan, of No. 183, Wing Lok Street, and Ma Chee Lung, of No. 12 Connaught Road West, managing director and manager of the Yue Hing Company, Ltd., respectively were charged with unlawfully conspiring on March 9th, 1913, to fraudulently obtain one hundred chests of opium, belonging to the Yue Hing Company, Ltd., and to defraud the said company of same.

The Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. McI. Messer) was present to prosecute the case and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, appeared on behalf of the Crown, instructed by Mr. G. H. Wakeman, crown solicitor.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge, and were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. G. C. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

In outlining the circumstances of the case, Mr. Jenkin said that the Yue Hing Company, Ltd., came into existence in 1912 for the purpose of dealing in opium and was dissolved in 1914. In March 1913, shortly after a fall in the opium market, the company had in its possession one hundred chests of opium. As the market appeared to be rising to its former position and as prospects seemed to be at their best, the two defendants suggested to one Koo Yin Sun that he should buy the hundred chests of opium for \$350,000, and pay \$100,000, as a deposit on the purchase.

Notwithstanding considerable solicitation on the part of the defendants, Koo Yin Sun refused to be a party to the project. The defendants, however, on April 23rd, 1913, finally contracted to sell the hundred chests of opium to the Lee Wa Loon Company for \$350,000, and the said company were to pay \$100,000 to the Yue Hing Company, Ltd., as a deposit on the purchase. At this time the hundred chests of opium were hypothecated to the French Bank for \$210,000, and when the Lee Wa Loon Company failed to pay the \$100,000 deposit, the money was paid by the defendants, who eventually paid the balance due on the purchase and thereby secured the possession of the hundred chests of opium, which were taken delivery of by the Sing Fat Yuen Company and later went into the hands of the Po Yuen Company.

Thereafter the defendants carried out their duties as directors of the Yue Hing Company, the company, and not they, would be in possession of the hundred chests of opium, which are, at the present rate, worth somewhere in the neighborhood of one million dollars.

Mr. Jenkin added that he was instructed to mention that two further charges, one of forgery, and one of uttering a forged document, would be preferred against the defendants in connection with the sale of the hundred chests of opium.

Mr. Potter, speaking on behalf of his clients, said he was more than greatly surprised to learn of the criminal charge brought against the defendants and added that such proceedings were unprecedented in criminal law for the reason that the same case was at the present time being heard in a Supreme Court in the Colony. The two defendants were already before Mr. Justice Gompertz on a charge of conspiracy and Ma Chee Lung was even now under cross-examination. Regarding the civil action which had been brought against the defendants, not only did they plead not guilty to the charge, but they utterly denied the slightest suggestion of fraud and were bitterly contesting the case in order to clear their characters. The crux of the whole case was the sale of the opium to the Lee Wa Loon Company, and the defendants had already produced in the Supreme Court an admitted document, issued in November 1913, which proved that the Yue Hing Company, Ltd., had authorized them to sell the hundred chests of opium for \$2,500 a chest. In addition they had put in a letter which was written to the compradors of the French Bank by the Yue Hing Company, Ltd., in which they stated that the hundred chests of opium had been sold to the Lee Wa Loon Company.

Speaking with regard to bail, Mr. Potter said that both defendants were men of wealth and influence in the Colony, and that if they were to clear out they would lose their case in the Civil Court and consequently sacrifice their property and holdings. As a result they would not only be financially ruined but could never put foot in Hongkong again. He therefore submitted that the defendants had been fixed at not more than \$10,000 each.

Mr. Jenkin then stated that he was instructed to inform the Magistrate that \$250,000 each was the minimum bail expected by the Crown.

His Worship fixed the defendants' bail at \$50,000 each, pending an application for a reduction, and adjourned the case until 10.30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

The nineteenth ordinary annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co. Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd., at noon to-day.

The Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton presided, and there were present The Hon. Sir Paul Chater C.M.G., and Mr. G. S. Gubbay (Directors), and Messrs P. R. Wolff, J. Hooper, T. W. Robertson, Ho Fook, J. Hyde, A. W. Heron, and W. S. Brown (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen: Following the usual custom, I propose to take the Report and Accounts as read. The profit on working for the past year shows a satisfactory increase on the previous year's figures, and we have therefore been able to maintain the same return to shareholders as last year, in spite of the fact that it has been necessary to write off from our returns from share investments a sum sufficient to bring the book value of such investments to figures approximating their market value on 30th April. For the first eight months of the year we reaped the benefit of a comparatively cheap coal contract, but I regret to say that our expenses in this connection and in all other departments have very largely increased. We are loath to increase the fares to passengers and to this end economies compatible with an efficient service are being made wherever possible and we look forward to the traffic being well maintained. I am glad to say that the item "Loss in subsidiary coins" disappeared from last year's working account and it is to be hoped that it will never be necessary to reopen the account. The item of \$1,000.00 as the debit of Profit and Loss account as our contribution to War Charities will, I feel sure, meet with your approval. I do not think that there is anything more in the accounts that calls for comment and I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

Mr. Ho Fook seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. P. R. Wolff proposed, and Mr. J. Hooper seconded the confirmation of the election of Mr. C. T. Gubbay to the Board of Directors, and the motion was carried.

Mr. T. W. ROBERTSON proposed, and Mr. J. HYDE seconded the re-election of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater C.M.G., to the Board of Directors, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Ho Fook proposed and Mr. A. W. HERON seconded the appointment of Mr. F. Maitland as auditor for the ensuing year, at a remuneration of \$500, and the motion was carried.

The Chairman then announced that dividend warrants would be available on and after Thursday, May 31, and the meeting terminated.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Mary Fulton, a well-known American Missionary who has spent upwards of 30 years in China, left Shanghai for California last week in an indifferent state of health. Dr. Fulton will return to China if her health improves.

Last night members of the 25th Battalion Middlesex Regiment gave a most enjoyable variety entertainment at Mount Austin Barnack, the scheme of the main feature of the entertainment being to illustrate by the character of the songs the various stages of the voyage of the transport which brought them to Hongkong, including the unforgettable incident of the peril in which the Battalion was suddenly involved by the ship striking a mine. The scheme was cleverly worked out and the whole character of the entertainment revealed the existence of talent of no mean order. Many guests had been invited (and they thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

An interesting ceremony took place at the French Court, Shanghai, last week when Monsieur Gustave Charles Toussaint, formerly Advocate General of Indo-China, was installed in the office of Judge of the French Court in Shanghai. The function was attended by M. Wilson, French Consul-General; Mr. Havilland de Sanmarez, Judge of H. B. M. Supreme Court; the Hon. C. S. Longhiser, Judge of the U. S. Court for China, M. de la Prade, and magistrate Nib, of the French Mixed Court; and representatives of the French, British and Portuguese Bars. The new Judge was introduced by the Consul-General and took his seat on the bench after the papers dealing with his appointment had been read. A speech of welcome on behalf of the French Bar and members of the foreign Bars in Shanghai was made by M. Du Pac de Maroncelli. A reception was afterwards held at the Consulate.

THE LATE JAPANESE CONSUL.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL CEREMONY.

There was a very large attendance last evening at the funeral obsequies of the late Mr. Shinji Takahashi, the Consul and Acting Consul-General for Japan in Hongkong. The remains were conveyed from the chapel of the Protestant Cemetery (the late Consul being a Christian) to the Japanese Crematorium near Causeway Bay, and a large gathering representing many interests in the Colony had assembled at Causeway Bay to pay a last tribute of respect by following the cortege to the crematorium.

Those present in the procession included: H. E. The Governor, Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., accompanied by Captain Edwards, A.D.C., H. E. Major-General F. H. Ventris, General Officer Commanding, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C. (Chief Justice), Mr. Justice Gompertz, Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp (Attorney-General), Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharpe, K.C., Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax, Mr. G. H. Wakeman (Crown Solicitor), Mr. H. A. Nesbitt, Commodore Sandeman, R.N., Commander C. Beckwith, R.N., Mr. G. B. Anderson (Consul-General for the United States), M. Reau (Consul for France), M. d'Oettingen (Consul for Russia), Mr. Kuler (Vice-Consul for Japan), Mr. Ota (Japanese Consul at Canton), Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza (Consul for Portugal and Brazil), Mr. L. A. C. Astete (Consul for Peru), Mr. Gonzales de Berpedo (Consul for Bolivia), Mr. N. J. Stabb, Mr. G. T. Atkins, Mr. R. Bonsonby, Mr. M. Louis Berlinguer, Mr. H. Hastings, Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. C. H. P. Hay, Mr. B. Mori (N.Y.K.), Mr. Kato (M.B.S.K.), Mr. Higuchi (O.S.K.), Mr. Duigo (T.K.K.), Mr. Ono (Yokohama Specie Bank), Mr. Nishida (Messrs. K. Furukawa & Co.), Mr. Yumaguchi (Bank of Taiwan), Mr. Furukawa (Messrs. Suzuki & Co.), and a large number of other sympathisers.

The Police and Police Reserves under the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. McI. Messer, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, D.S.P., and Mr. T. H. King, A.S.P., lined the route all the way from Happy Valley to the Japanese Cemetery, and the cortege passed along the thoroughfares in the following order: Waka Hayashi, next a Japanese soldier carrying a banner inscribed with the name of the deceased, followed by twenty wreath bearers, two mourners, bearing on black cushions the Insignia of the Orders of the deceased Consul, the Hearse, containing the Coffin, the late Consul's widow and two children, followed by a number of Japanese ladies and gentlemen. As the procession turned the corner at the Causeway Bay tramway terminus, the waiting gathering joined in and proceeded to the Chapel where the service was held, in accordance with the Protestant rites, and was conducted by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie.

As the procession slowly wended its way to the cemetery eleven one-minute guns were fired.

The ceremony in the Chapel commenced by singing the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee," and after the burial service had been said the Rev. Kirk Macdonachie delivered the following address:—

We are gathered here to pay our tribute of respect to one who arrived while still in the early years of middle age at the close of an honourable career as a public servant, and who was also accorded high esteem in the relations of private life. Some ten years ago Mr. Takahashi entered the Consular service of his country and during that period he filled posts in various parts of China, in America, and lastly in this British Colony of Hongkong. His occupancy of these positions is recorded as that of one diligent in duty, gentle in demeanour, disposed to kindness, and readily helpful to such as might seek his advice or other good offices—a man mindful of the interests of his country yet never advancing those in a way to injure or offend.

His term in Hongkong has been short, and was pressed largely by ill health, and his death, though sudden, was not unexpected. He was a man of high character, and his life was a model of efficiency and devotion.

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and character produced the same impression here as in his former spheres of service, and those who were brought into the closest relations with him are the same who feel the greatest personal regret at the cutting short of his useful life. He had not intended remaining in our Colony, but had made arrangements to leave for Japan a few days hence, being anxious to join those of his children who are living there. That has not been permitted; a longer journey was appointed, but that journey is one which we believe includes reunion in its happy issues.

To Mrs. Takahashi and her five children the sympathy of their fellow countrymen is testified by their presence in such large numbers to-day, and will be expressed in other ways. I am sure that I may take upon me to add to these the respectful condolences of members of the European community in the bereavement which has befallen the family circle in a foreign land. Some of us here have recent recollections of the touching and tender kindness of Japanese neighbours in the dark hour when we had to leave our dead behind us in their homeland, and with full sincerity we assure these our friends that their sorrow is shared. We trust they will experience very richly the consolations afforded by that Christian gospel in the faith of which they have taken farewell for the time of the husband and father. In that gospel we are taught to comfort one another with the hope which is in Christ, who brought life and immortality to light. Whilst once again it is brought home to us to-day that in the midst of life we are in death, we are reminded also that in the presence of death we are at the portal of life. We are instructed that life begins rather than ends when it is moved from this material plane, that our departed have not passed into a vague and vacuous land of shades, but are in a nearer presence of God whence there are happy employments for evermore, and where the still developing personality is changed from glory unto glory toward His likeness. May these inspiring and comforting truths sustain the minds of our friends in this their hour of great need and along their future course in life, summing up the sympathy and good will which go out to them from so many who feel with them to-day in the response which the Father who is in heaven has given us in His Son to the deepest and purest cravings of our human hearts. And may we all, acquiring now in time the lessons of eternity, set ourselves to be more faithful followers of all who by faith and patience have inherited the promises.

Following this, the condolences of various Japanese societies in the Colony were read over the coffin by five representatives of the societies, in Japanese, after which another hymn was sung, in Japanese, and the ceremony was brought to a close by those present paying their last respects to the deceased Consul.

The floral tributes were numerous, and included a beautiful wreath sent by H. E. The Governor.

The remains after cremation are to be taken to Japan.

COLONEL JOHN WARD, M.P.

The Rev. J. A. B. Cook of Singapore, writing in the "Singapore Free Press" says:—

The home papers naturally have a good deal to say of the gallant behaviour of the boys of the Middlesex Battalion on February 9, when the ship in which they sailed was struck by a mine off Cape Agulhas. The men took their cue from their leader, Colonel John Ward, M.P. One who knows him intimately writes that he is a man of fine Christian character, and that no one that knows him was at all surprised to read of his fine example. A native of Appleton, a pretty village near Andover, he represents the Nevilles Union, and his speech, reported in the Hongkong papers, the other day, shows the spirit and tone of the man. Full of sound good sense, he is merely keeping up the reputation of a lifetime spent in the best ways. The member in the House for Stoke-on-Trent, he was one of the earliest members of the Wesleyan Stake Brotherhood, in which his addresses were an inspiration, and his presence counted for a lot. I pass on this, for what it is worth, which is a great deal, for it goes to show that only character will breed the spirit for right conduct, not only for an emergency but for everyday life. We are in for big things nowadays, but after the light is flung on us, we are to go on living and to get the best out of what has happened, and what is coming, far beyond all other considerations. We shall need men of this high and noble character, men who are not only good but who are also brave.

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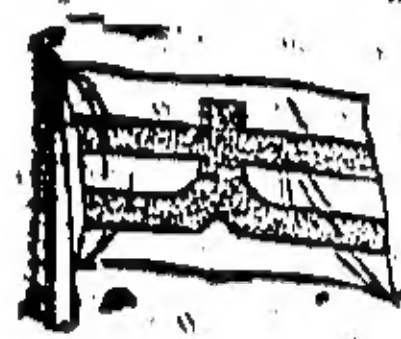
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